

departure from service hath not been caused by the ill treatment or misconduct of the petitioner, or person under whom he or she claims, to adjudge such negro or mulatto to serve the person petitioning, or his lawful assigns, such length of time after such negro or mulatto would have been entitled to freedom, or for such length of time after the date of the judgment, as justice and equity may require, and as the court under all circumstances, shall think reasonable; *Provided*, that no negro or mulatto so adjudged, shall be liable to be sold or assigned to any person residing out of this state.

By 1833, ch. 224, turbulent slaves, owned for a term of years may be sold, by permission of the county courts, beyond the limits of the state.

CHAPTER 105.

AN ACT to authorize the sale of certain Lots of Land lying westward of Fort Cumberland.

Preamble.

WHEREAS certain of the aforesaid lots remain unapplied and undisposed of, and are yet the property of the state; and it being better that some order should be taken respecting them, so that they may be sold, and the money arising therefrom brought into the treasury; therefore,

Certain lots may be taken up as vacant land.

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That all the land included in any lot or lots westward of Fort Cumberland, which was laid off into lots under the authority of this state, that have not been sold or otherwise disposed of by the state, be and the same is, after the first day of September next, hereby made liable to be taken up and secured as vacant land in said county may be taken up and secured.

CHAPTER 107.

* 1785, ch. 72. A further SUPPLEMENT to the ACT,* entitled, an Act to enlarge the powers of the High Court of Chancery.

See notes to the original law, ante page 208.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the acts of assembly of this state giving power to the chancellor to decree in certain cases against persons residing out of the jurisdiction of the state of Maryland, do not extend the said power to cases where the party or parties against whom relief is or may be wanted have or shall remove out of this state to parts unknown, and it cannot be ascertained whether the said party be dead or living, or if dead, who are the legal representatives of such person or persons; therefore,

Chancellor may, in cases of non-residents, &c. issue commission for

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That in all cases where any person or persons are bound by any contract or agreement, and are not residents of this state, or to be found therein, and it cannot be ascertained whether the said party or parties be dead or living, and if dead, who are the legal representatives of such person or persons, or whether they